



Weekend of Service Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 26, 2015

This past weekend, we mobilized our entire church family with the mission of showing God's love and impacting our community for Jesus. The time in your group this week will

be spent looking back on the weekend to share stories of what was experienced, how you saw God work, and what you learned about yourself and serving others.

Note To Those Who Were Unable To Participate In A Project:

Even if you weren't able to participate in a project during the Weekend of Service, now that your presence this week will be important to your group when praying for our community and reflecting on how God worked.

LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD

1. What were one or two highlights for you at your project(s)?

2. Looking back at your *Weekend of Service* experience, can you think of any ways God encouraged you, challenged you or taught you something new about what it means to serve him and/or others?

How could what you learned last weekend encourage you to think and live differently in the following areas?

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| ⇒ Schedule | ⇒ Working with others |
| ⇒ Attitude | ⇒ Serving others |
| ⇒ Expectations | ⇒ Other |

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

1. Last week we prayed in our Growth Groups that our efforts from the weekend would create opportunities to show God's love and tell people about Jesus in the weeks, months and years to come.

At your project site, did you have the opportunity to interact with anyone about the reason for *Weekend of Service*, or to tell your story, etc.? If so, explain.

Since the event, have you had the opportunity to tell a friend, relative or co-worker about *Weekend of Service*? If you did, what was their response?

2. How does *Weekend of Service* line up with what Jesus taught in Matthew 5:13-16?

What could be some possible hindrances to *Weekend of Service* having a lasting impact?

3. As followers of Jesus, we are counted on to do something with what we know. Beyond *Weekend of Service*, what motivation and/or direction do the following verses give us on how we can remain effective as a church in impacting our community for Jesus?

Ephesians 2:10

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Philippians 2:3

Jesus distilled our job description as his followers down to this: love God with all you've got and love others as you love yourself (paraphrase of Matthew 22:35-40). We also know that what we do throughout the year is far more important than anything we'll ever do on a weekend. Take some time to think and pray about where we go from here and how we can continue to do what God wants us to do. Jot down some of your ideas here.

PRAYING FOR EFFECTIVENESS

God gives us the privilege and opportunity to pray for effectiveness in bringing others closer to him.

Take a few minutes and pray for ...

... those you served - that they may see God's love and take steps to know him.

... the specific organizations we partnered with in serving - that they may continue to be effective in meeting community needs.

... North Coast - that we may continue to grow in our effectiveness in reaching our community for Jesus and be a place where people want to grow and bring their friends.

... yourself - that you may know how to serve others with the attitude of Christ and have opportunities to tell others about him.

Tell us your stories and thoughts about Weekend of Service

Capturing stories of how God worked and how people were impacted is important for North Coast as a whole and for others to see how God worked. You can email your stories directly to news@northcoastchurch.com, call the church office and leave a voicemail (760) 724-707 x129, or post on North Coast's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthCoastChurchVista.